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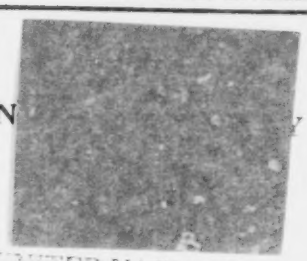

PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretariat

1. Pre-session meetings of the Bureaux function as an important mechanism for preparing sessions of the Industrial Development Board and the Programme and Budget Committee. In the case of the General Conference, whose officers—in many instances—are not stationed in Vienna, such an approach is impractical. For that reason, and as explained in paragraph 15 of document IDB.17/15, the work of previous sessions of the Conference was facilitated by an informal contact group of permanent missions.

2. As mentioned in the annotated agenda (IDB.18/1/Rev.1/Add.1), organizational and procedural matters related to the Conference will be discussed by permanent missions in briefings prior to the session. One such briefing was held on 16 October 1997. It is the intention of Mr. I. Posta (Hungary), President of the Board, to convene an informal meeting on the same question on 21 November 1997 at 10 a.m., during which recommendations to the General Conference on organizational and procedural matters could be formulated. Any recommendations thus made would have no official status until acted upon by the Conference, but would represent an important contribution insofar as they would save valuable in-session time for initial discussions on the matters concerned.

3. Recommendations may cover the following organizational matters:

(a) Proposed schedule;

(b) Grouping of agenda items for purposes of a general debate. (For ease of reference, the provisional agenda is contained in the annex to the present document);

(c) Establishment of a Main Committee;

(d) Allocation of agenda items to a Main Committee.

4. The informal meeting may represent a mechanism for the exchange of information concerning nominations for the posts of President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman of the Main Committee (subject to its establishment), and Credentials Committee. The meeting may also be informed by the chairmen of the regional groups of candidatures for membership of the Industrial Development Board and the Programme and Budget Committee.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE BOARD

5. The Board may wish to consider adopting the following draft decision:

"The Industrial Development Board:

"(a) Takes note of the information provided in documents IDB.17/15 and IDB.18/19;

"(b) Requests the President of the Board to organize an informal meeting on 21 November 1997 for the purpose of considering organizational and procedural matters related to the seventh session of the General Conference;

"(c) Also requests the President of the Board to report to the General Conference any recommendations emanating from the informal meeting."

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Annex

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

GENERAL CONFERENCE, SEVENTH SESSION

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers:
   (a) Election of the President;
   (b) Election of other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
6. Elections to organs:
   (a) Industrial Development Board;
   (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
7. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth regular sessions and of its seventh special session.
8. Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1995 and 1996.
9. Policy framework of UNIDO.
10. Financial matters:
    (a) Financial situation of UNIDO;
    (b) Scale of assessments of Member States;
    (c) Working Capital Fund;
    (d) Appointment of external auditor.
11. Industrial Development Fund.
12. Financial Regulations of UNIDO.
13. Medium-term programme framework, 1998-2001.
14. Programme and budgets, 1998-1999.
15. Development of human resources for industry.
16. Integration of women in industrial development.
17. Environmentally sustainable industrial development.
18. Industrialization of the least developed countries.
19. Private sector development.
20. Industrial investment promotion.
21. The regional dimension:
    (a) Africa (in particular the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa);
    (b) Arab countries programme, including technical assistance to the Palestinian people;
    (c) Asia and the Pacific;
    (d) Latin America and the Caribbean.
22. Geographical distribution of Managing Directors.
23. Personnel matters: United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.
24. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
25. Appointment of the Director-General.
26. Date and place of the eighth session.
27. Closure of the session.